

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WEARE,

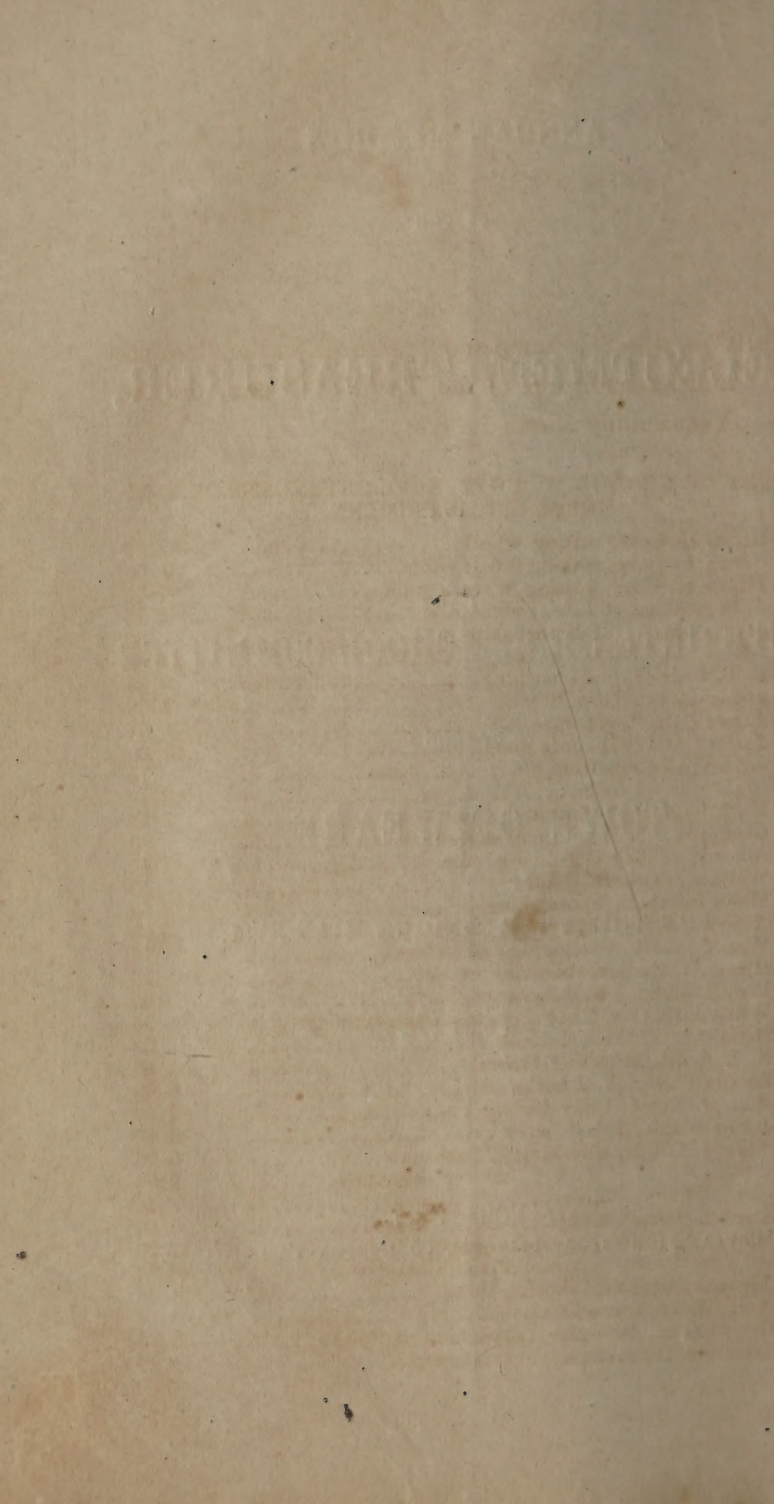
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1859.

MANCHESTER:

HENRY A. GAGE & CO., PRINTERS, 85 MERCHANT'S EXCHANGE.

1859.



REPORT of the Selectmen and Treasurer on the Receipts
and Expenditures of the Town of Weare, for the
Year ending March 1, 1859 :

REPORT OF GEORGE W. HOYT, SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMS
HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Paid Hiram H. Gove, cutting wheat.....	2 00
Sarah A. Gove, making 2 pair pants.....	1 00
Hiram H. Gove, putting in chain pump.....	7 50
J. B. Eastman, 52 lbs. rough tallow.....	4 16
do do 2 rennet skins.....	50
do do 206 lbs. beef.....	14 93
B. B. Currier, blacksmithing.....	9 75
Jonathan Dearborn, 2 casks.....	1 00
James Carroll, tin ware.....	67
James Cram, 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood.....	61 00
John Corlis, repairing pump.....	75
do do 1 coffin.....	3 50
Mark Colburn, 1 plow and wheel.....	7 50
George W. Tucker, thread and suspenders.....	90
Amos W. Cilley, 2 1-2 bush. oats.....	1 40
Wallace & Osborn, 2 1-2 " ".....	1 40
Moses Dearborn, shoemaking.....	68
Abby E. Philbrick, 2 weeks' work.....	4 00
Wm. P. Balch, butchering and ox work.....	75
Hiram H. Favour, pasturing cattle.....	5 10
Benj. Loveren, 8 bush. potatoes.....	3 60
White & Buxton, 2 bed ropes and moth extractor....	95
Della Gove, 1 linen strainer.....	33
N. B. Smith, attending funeral.....	1 00
Lucena Philbrick, 3 weeks' work.....	6 00
Wm. P. Balch, 1 day haying.....	1 00
James Waldo, 3 days' work.....	3 00
Silas McKillips, threshing 72 bush. oats.....	5 96
" " " 20 " wheat.	2 00
" " labor.....	25
Stephen Rowell, 2 pigs.....	3 00
Miss D. E. Brown, 16 weeks' work.....	32 00
" " " 10 weeks' and 4 days' work.....	16 00
Thomas Saltmarsh, shoeing horse.....	30
Aaron Holden, crackers.....	50
Levi Currier, stove-pipe, potash, and precipitate.....	2 45
Ethan Smith, pasturing 8 young cattle.....	18 00

J. Carroll, 1 coffee pot.....	38
Josiah Philbrick, setting saw.....	10
Thomas Smith, pasturing oxen 7 1-2 weeks.....	5 62
“ “ “ 1 pair 3 year old steers.....	7 35
“ “ “ 3 calves.....	3 00
John L. Eastman, shoeing horse.....	60
Abdy E. Philbrick, 6 weeks and days' work.....	10 00
Daniel F. Frye, medical attendance.....	2 00
Levi Pierce, “ “.....	1 00
Jehial Hall, 5 yearlings, 2 two years' old.....	100 00
L. W. & Wm. H. Gove, store bill.....	12 00
White & Buxton, “ “.....	17 81
Hoag & Johnson, “ “.....	165 22
George Simons, “ “.....	11 54
James Cram, sawing lumber.....	6 39
G. P. Kendrick, use of bull.....	1 00
Cyrus E. Wood, 4 cows.....	145 00
“ “ “ 1 pair cart wheels.....	30 00
“ “ “ 1 washing machine.....	3 00
George W. Branch, oiling and repairing harness.....	1 88
Cyrus E. Wood, 1 pair oxen.....	120 00
John Corlis, digging 2 graves, 3 coffins.....	11 50
“ “ labor and lead pipe, (reported paid 1857),	5 00
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	\$885 22

GEORGE W. HOYT'S REPORT OF CREDIT AT THE ALMS HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Sold Hiram H. Favor 1 bushel beans.....	2 00
“ “ “ 34 1-2 lbs. cheese.....	3 10
“ “ “ 21 lbs. rags.....	67
J. B. Moulton, 1 bush. beans.....	2 00
Moses W. Cram 1 peck lime.....	15
James Cram “.....	15
Daniel R. Peaslee half bush beans.....	1 00
George Prescott, horse hire.....	50
Alonzo Hadley 6 1-2 lbs calf skin.....	65
“ “ 7 lbs. calf skin,.....	70
“ “ 72 lbs hide.....	5 35
“ “ 90 lbs do.....	6 75
Delia E. Brown, 14 3-4 lbs cheese.....	1 47
“ “ cash.....	85
“ “ feather bed... ..	6 50
Josiah B. Eastman pair oxen.....	135 00
“ “ 190 lbs beef.....	11 40
“ “ 59 lbs hide... ..	3 83
P. L. Clark, 16 chickens.....	4 00
E. W. Osborne, 3-4 bush peaches.....	75
D. F. Frye, 2 bush oats.....	1 00
Daniel Gregg 31 “.....	15 50
“ 3 bush beans.....	5 25

"	44 lbs butter.....	8 80
"	1 butter tub.....	25
"	31 1-2 lbs cheese.....	4 00
"	10 bush oats.....	5 00
Hiram H. Gove,	horse hire.....	56
"	4 cows.....	100 00
"	10 qts beans.....	62
"	2 pieces yoke timber.....	50
"	288 ft pine boards.....	3 23
Hoag & Johnson	9 qts. cranberies.....	83
"	24 lbs butter.....	4 32
"	15 ".....	2 70
"	126 eggs.....	1 26
"	21 lbs butter.....	3 78
"	15 do.....	2 50
"	5 doz eggs.....	60
"	41 lbs cheese.....	3 69
"	5 doz eggs.....	60
"	30 1-4 lbs butter.....	5 44
"	34 lbs cheese.....	3 06
White & Buxton	98 eggs.....	1 10
"	1-2 bush peaches.....	75
"	1 1-2 bush beans.....	2 63
Sylvester Sumner	32 qts milk.....	1 28
"	1 pt cream.....	5
"	18 lbs cheese.....	1 62
"	4 qts beans.....	25
R. S. Fifield	dinner and horse baiting.....	30
"	rag.....	66
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		\$368 95

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WEARE.

	Cr.
By cost of Farm.....	\$3000 00
Stock on Farm '58.....	555 00
Furniture.....	225 00
Tools and carriages.....	100 00
Provisions.....	190 00
Has.....	170 00
Shoats.....	30 00
Lumber.....	25 00
Wood.....	50 00
Provisions &c., sold.....	368 95
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\$4713 95	

	Dr.
To cost of Farm.....	\$3000 00
Stock on hand '59.....	590 00
Furniture.....	220 00
Tools and carriages.....	127 00
Provisions.....	320 00
Hay.....	170 00
Shoats.....	25 00
Lumber.....	35 00
Wood.....	50 00
Bills paid as per report.....	885 22
Wages of superintendant.....	275 00
Inerest on farm stock &c.....	250 00
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	5912 22
	4713 95

Balance against Town..... \$1198 27

Names of persons supported at the Poor Farm during
the year.

Richard Collins.....aged 80	Polly Maxfield.....aged 86
John Philbrick.....65	Elisabeth Collins.....77
John Gale.....59	Harriet Fletcher.....42
Nelson Straw.....	Nancy Chase.....35
Albert Colby.....38	Julia Ann Waldo.....11
Enoch Colby.....28	

FUNDS BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF WEARE.

Ministerial—Hiram Simons agent.....	\$5400 00
Literary—Ebenezer Gove, agent.....	3021 23
School—Daniel Paige, agent.....	2000 00

INTEREST ON MINISTERIAL FUND.

Paid Universalist society.....	\$107 56
Friends ".....	55 80
First F. W. Baptist society.....	45 89
Second " ".....	24 58
Third " ".....	8 38
Baptist, Calv. ".....	59 44
Adventist ".....	2 35
Hiram Simons as agent.....	20 00

\$324 00

CYRUS E. WOOD,
ELBRIDGE PUTNAM, } *Selectmen*
HIRAM H. FAVOR, } *of*
 Weare.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

	Cr.
By amount of State, County, Town and School Tax,....	\$5391 72
“ Received of Francis Eastman,.....	1449 90
“ “ John L. Hadley,.....	203 99
“ “ Literary Fund,.....	171 36
“ Interest on “ “	181 27
“ “ School Fund	120 00
“ Received of the county of Hillsborough,....	83 00
“ Rail Road Tax, 1857.....	37 74
“ Received of Nelson Straw,.....	74 00
“ “ for Lumber sold at Emerson Bridge,	1 04
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PAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

District No. 1.....	\$83 30	District No. 13.....	\$123 70
“ “ 2.....	109 23	“ “ 16.....	102 81
“ “ 3.....	62 54	“ “ 17.....	99 57
“ “ 4.....	134 99	“ “ 18.....	59 32
“ “ 5.....	75 42	“ “ 21.....	64 15
“ “ 6.....	77 03	“ “ 23.....	107 62
“ “ 7.....	77 03	“ “ 24.....	78 64
“ “ 8.....	102 83	“ “ 25.....	68 98
“ “ 9.....	83 47	“ “ 26.....	83 47
“ “ 10.....	97 96		
“ “ 11.....	60 93		
“ “ 12.....	67 37		
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David Eaton, breaking roads, 1859,.....	17 70
Enos Hoyt, “ “	15 75
Hiram M. Felch, “ “	15 15
Moses M. Philbrick, “ “	8 15
Hiram Nichols, “ 1858,.....	7 90
Nathan Philbrick, “ 1859,.....	16 75
Daniel Boynton, “ “	5 78
Warren Hoyt, “ “	8 18
John F. Boynton, “ “	2 90
Simon G. Gove, “ “	13 35
Amos S. Gould, “ “	13 35
Hiram S. Hoyt, “ “	10 75
John Emerson, “ 1858,.....	5 55
Nathan S. Johnson, “ 1859,.....	5 90
David Gould, “ “	8 90
Samuel Osborne, “ “	5 89
Farnum H. Messer, “ “	7 50
Henry A. Carr, “ “	7 80
I. J. C. Melvin, “ “	6 00
G. W. Hoyt, “ “	12 25
Henry Foster, “ “	3 75
Nathan C. Dow, “ “	15 95
Samuel Sargent, “ “	9 80
Pillsbury R. Eaton, “ “	7 15
John D. Muzzey, “ “	5 40

Ebenezer Gove,	"	"	.....	11 40
Nathaniel Peasley,	"	"	.....	8 40
John Paige,	"	"	.....	2 40
A. W. Huntington,	"	"	.....	8 70
G. W. Peasley,	"	"	.....	16 99
William Worthley.	"	"	.....	8 35
Cleaveland C. Cram,	"	"	.....	7 90
Wm. Woodbury,	breaking	roads	1859	1 00
Caleb P. Woodbury	do	do	.....	2 00
Rufus Wadleigh	do	do	.....	6 70
Ira Felch	do	do	.....	9 78
Amos W. Bailey	do	do	.....	6 45
John Breed	do	do	.....	1 50
Alfred D. Peaslee	do	do	.....	4 30
James Grant	do	do	.....	3 95
James Cram	do	do	.....	11 55
Stephen P. Breed	do	do	.....	3 70
John Bartlett	do	do	.....	10 20
Amos J. Wilson	do	do	.....	7 45
Horatio Collins	do	do	.....	13 65
Gorham P. Kendrick	do	do	.....	2 75
Jesse Clement, 2d	do	do	.....	3 50
Ethan Smith	do	do	.....	3 00
E. Putnam	do	do	.....	3 60
Moses Johnson	do	1859	.....	4 00
William Emery	do	do	.....	10 67
Samuel Baker	do	do	.....	9 50
John Bartlett	do	do	.....	7 60
Robert Peaslee	do	do	.....	6 69
Charles B. Danforth	do	do	.....	3 50
Moses W. Cram	do	do	.....	9 90
Josiah G. Dearborn	do	do	.....	6 00
Leonard Felch	do	do	.....	9 00
James M Eastman	do	do	.....	1 59
Daniel Paige	do	do	.....	2 00
A. J. Philbrick	do	do	.....	8 25

\$475 47

LAST YEAR'S BILL.

Jeremiah Davis,	Breaking	roads,	1857—8.....	6 50
Moses G. Favor	do	do	.....	9 00
Moses M. Balch	do	do	.....	23 02
Luther E. Gould	do	do	.....	8 65
Hiram Clifford	do	do	.....	15 49
Sumner Stanley	do	do	.....	3 50
Otis F. Jewell	do	1858	.....	3 25
S. S. Clark	do	do	.....	9 75
E. Peaslee	do	do	.....	6 00
Abner L. Hadley	do	do	.....	4 60
Pillsbury R. Eaton	do	do	.....	4 25
Ira Buxton	do	do	.....	2 93
Eben Colby	do	do	.....	2 15

Paid William Favor	breaking roads,	4 40
Alfred D. Peaslee,	do do	7 40
Enoch Bartlett,	do do	3 00
E. C. Chase,	do do	3 50
Jonathan D. Chase,	do 1857—8.	10 40
John Osborne,	do 1856	1 25
Moody Philbrick	do do	1 40
Moses C. Philbrick,	do do	2 25
Jacob Barrett,	do 1857—8.	11 75
Nathaniel Peaslee, jr.,	do 1858	3 50
W. B. Simons	do do	1 25
Paige M. Barnard,	do do	8 00
Jesse C. Emerson,	do do	2 00
Thomas Favor,	do do	1 85
Rodney Worthley,	do do	2 00
George L. Emerson,	do do	2 50
George W. Saunders,	do do	8 00
Henry Foster, Agent for Highways,	1857	15 00
Moses R. Johnson,		2 05
J. W. Hanson, Agent for Highways,	1857	32 37
Stephen Rowell, Breaking roads,	1857	11 54
“ “ do	1857-8.	12 50
“ “ Working Summer Tax,	1857	16 00
Jacob Sargent, Breaking roads, 1856, Reported 1857, ...		4 45

\$267 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

Robert Peaslee, 2 pine stringers,.....	25 00
“ “ 468 feet pine plank—J. Philbrick,.....	5 62
“ “ 1 day surveying,.....	2 00
“ “ surveying, 1857,.....	1 00
“ “ 756 feet pine plank,.....	9 07
Ebenezer Peaslee, 400 feet bridge plank,.....	3 52
Moses Johnson; 325 “ “	2 92
Horatio Collins, labor on highway,.....	3 68
Samuel Baker, repairing “	10 95
Nathan S. Johnson, 6 stringers,.....	12 00
“ “ 1 cap piece,.....	1 00
Andrew J. Philbrick, digging grave, 1855,.....	1 00
“ “ “ “—Mrs. Collins, 1858,...	1 00
“ “ “ “—John G. Dow, “ ,...	1 00
James Cram, labor on road,.....	2 00
John R. Hadley, for guide boards,.....	20 00
David Gould, 9 days labor on bridge,.....	9 00
“ “ 8 lb. spikes,.....	32
“ “ 943 feet hemlock plank,.....	7 50
“ “ 5 pine stringers,.....	5 00
John L. Leach, drawing stone for bridge,.....	3 00
George Simons, house rent for O. Madison,.....	5 00
“ “ paints and oils for guide boards,.....	4 65
Enos Hoyt, drawing stone for bridge,.....	3 00
Hiram M. Felch. repairing highway,.....	1 25

Wm. P. Raymond, 266 bridge plank,.....	2 66
“ “ 3 lbs. spikes,.....	12
Cyrus Hazen, for constructing a watering place,.....	3 00
“ “ repairing highway,.....	1 00
Samuel W. Chase, 360 feet bridge plank,.....	2 88
John R. Hadley, repairing town house,.....	4 00
“ “ 1 desk for “ “	1 50
John D. Muzzey, wood for town house,.....	2 50
John Emerson, 2d, “ “ Sally Stevens to Feb. 16, 1859,.....	16 40
Peterson & Horton, medical attendance on John Dow,...	13 00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. Tuttle,..	3 25
“ “ “ “ H. Dorkham,.....	11 00
County charge,.....	11 00
R. B. Carswell, medical attendance, 1 vest and medicine,.....	
A. Dubey, County charge,.....	1 00
Stephen P. Breed, funeral expenses—Mrs. A. Dubey.....	
County charge,.....	7 25
Elbridge Putnam, funeral expenses, Mrs. A. Dubey, Co. charge,.....	1 00
James Saunder, boarding 10 5-7 weeks and nursing Henry Dorkham, County charge,.....	30 40
R. B. Carswell, medical attendance on W. Call,.....	9 75
“ “ “ “ M. Ash and wife,...	41 00
“ “ “ “ Agless Dubey.....	27 50
“ “ “ “ J. Worthley and wife,.....	12 00
A. F. Carr, “ “ Miss Eaton,.....	3 00
“ “ “ “ A. Dubey,.....	3 00
John Corlis, coffin for Jeremiah Heath, 1856,.....	3 50
“ “ “ “ John G Dow,.....	3 50
Richard Kinson, attending Jona. Worthley and wife,...	12 50
Daniel Johnson, check-list and writing,.....	1 58
“ notifying jurors,.....	1 50
Charles Merrill, for Mary E. V. Jones, cash,.....	5 00
Hiram S. Hoit, labor on bridge near Mr. Worthley,...	20 00
Abner L. Hadley, “ “ “ “ “	11 50
John Colby, “ “ “ “ “	10 00
Jacob Colby, “ “ “ “ “	7 50
Ivers Smith “ “ “ “ “	2 00
John L. Hadley, getting T. and S. Reports printed.....	3 00
Superintending School Committee for 1857.....	100 00
E. Peaslee for Bridge Timber and Plank.....	74 00
Hiram H. Favour, labor and expense on E. Bridge.....	108 42
“ “ “ on George road.....	20 00
John L. Hadley, pasturing cattle, 1857.....	17 50
E. Putnam, horse hire and expenses.....	13 75
“ Paid Council.....	3 00
G. Parker Lyon, Surveyor's Warrants.....	5 70
J. M. Campbell, town and school reports.....	30 00
Town of Unity for Hannah Felch.....	24 00
Alexander Rogers for Sally Stevens.....	3 00
Robert S. Fifield for Lovella A. George to March 1, 1858..	35 10
“ “ “ “ “ 1859.....	15 60
Town of Sutton for Wm. Fletcher.....	18 51

Hanson Bedee serving notice on town of Sandwich.....	4 66
E. W. Osburn, labor on highway.....	2 00
Walter S. Straw for support of Jane Straw ending March 1, 1859.....	25 00
Nathan Eaton, for support of Sally Stevens.....	9 12
Jesse Clement Selectman and Auditor's expenses.....	16 90
Zeba A. Hoit labor on highway 2½ days.....	2 75
Amos J. Wilson, " 2 3-4 days.....	2 75
Ebenezer Gove for care of Literary Fund.....	10 00
Daniel Paige for care of School Fund.....	6 00
Marden and Jesse C. Emerson for stone and damage.....	4 00
Zephaniah Breed for labor drawing stringers & plank....	6 75
A. P. Collins nursing & funeral expenses J. G. Dow....	23 25
Daniel Johnson services as clerk.....	20 00
Nathan Cram boarding Branch family.....	6 52
Hoag & Johnson for Ann George.....	5 00
" " For Paper.....	45
Eliza Heath for support of J. Heath's children....	15 00
Amos P. Barton " " ".....	26 75
James M. Wright " " ".....	6 50
Thomas Kimball for Eliza Heath.....	4 05
Moses Johnson for services as collector.....	54 00
Cyrus E. Wood 6 valuation books.....	2 00
" " 1780 plank and railing.....	14 24
" " 5 Bridge stringers.....	14 00
" " Labor on Bridges.....	5 00
" " 15 lbs spikes.....	60
" " Services as Treasurer.....	10 00
" " horse hire and expenses.....	8 00
" " postage 60, paper for posted list 33,....	93
" " for sealing weights and measures.....	1 00
" " interest on M. F. Hoit's note.....	3 25
Amount of tax worked by non-residents....	83 97
Auditor's services.....	2 50
J. H. Goodale, Teacher's Institute 1857.....	27 23
" " " " 1858.....	26 64

NOTES PAID.

J. P. Raymond, note given March 22, 1856.....	469 15
James Kelley " " " 2, 1857.....	438 09
Wm. D. White " " Nov. 8, 1856.....	186 88
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Taxes Abated to F. Eastman, Collector for 1857.

John Williams, Illegal,	2 38	H. W. Bingham... ..	8 32
Benjamin Sargent do	2 38	Jabez Berry.....	2 38
Betty Green, do	1 98	Gilman W. Buckland...	2 38
Elijah P. Flanders do	2 38	Rodney Chase.....	2 77
Jonathan Johnson do	2 48	Nelson Hurd.....	2 38
Thomas Colby do	79	Levi Randlett.....	2 38
Sanborn, Allison & Co., do	15 84	James J. Wyman.....	2 92
Enoch A. Eastman, do	1 19	Otis Madison.....	1 00
Thomas Rogers,.....	4 55		

\$58 50

Taxes Abated to Moses Johnson, Collector for 1858.

Daniel Clough.....	1 51	Austin B. Paige.....	1 68
Philip Flanders.....	1 68	Wm. Stinson.....	1 68
Abner Gove's heirs, illegal	87	John Jepson.....	4 55
Sanford Gardner.....	1 68	Jonathan P. Murrey,...	1 05
David Dickey.....	1 68	Levi Russell.....	1 68
John F. Hutchins,.....	1 68	Town Farm.....	16 87
James B. Osborn.....	1 82	John Martin.....	1 68
Thomas Raymond, illegal	1 83	Harrison Philbrick.....	3 99
David Moor's heirs "	5 60		
C. L. Kimball.....	2 10		\$53 83

Tax Abated, John Peaslee's Estate, 1854.

Solomon Dean.....	\$3 18
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Tax Abated, I. Hoag, Collector, 1856.

William Matthews.....	\$2 22
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SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

Cyrus E. Wood.....	64 25
Elbridge Putnam.....	67 75
Hiram H. Favor.....	48 75

\$180 75

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of credit.....	\$7714 02
Paid State Tax.....	453 60
County Tax.....	801 11
Schools	1825 36
Last year's bills.....	267 45
Road Breaking.....	475 47
Taxes abated.....	117 73
Miscellaneous expenses.....	1338 16
At Poor Farm.....	791 27
Selectmen's services.....	180 75
Notes paid.....	1094 12
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Now in Treasurer's hands.....	369 00

\$7714 02

CYRUS E. WOOD, Treasurer.

Amount of Debt against the Town on Notes.

Wm. Emery's note dated March 2, 1857.....	225 00
Thomas Chase " " "	500 00

We the undersigned a committee chosen by the Town to audit the books and accounts of the Selectmen for the current year, have attended to that duty and found all money paid by them for the use of the Town, properly vouched ; Moneys credited duly accounted for ; the footings of the several accounts correctly added, and papers properly filed and to us satisfactory. All of which is respectfully submitted,

EBENEZER GOVE,
AMOS J. WILSON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In submitting their Annual Report to the town, the Superintending School Committee beg leave to say that it would be pleasant enough, in these prefatory remarks, to enter into a hearty "glorification" of our schools, our teachers, and our present Educational system.— But we shall do no such thing. We would be just, but honest. And surveying the subject in all its aspects, we feel compelled to say, that we do not believe there has been much, if any, improvement in our schools, in the main, for the last twenty-five years—not much, notwithstanding all the hubbub and machinery of Boards of Education, Commissioners, Superintending Committees, Registers, and printed Reports. This is not very flattering, we know, either to ourselves or to the wisdom of the State. But we trust the remark, and bid it challenge scrutiny. We shall be happy to be found egregiously in the wrong, and we welcome that responsibility.

But, *have* we improved? Have we better scholars, now, than we had twenty, or thirty, or forty years since—scholars, we mean, of true, substantial scholarship; of vigorous intellect; of sterling, practical character? That is the question. Perhaps, judging from a certain stand-point, where superficial display fascinates the eye, we may fancy that we have made great progress. But, although it may seem ungenerous, we fear there is, too often, more "show" and "show-off," than substance—more "parade and circumstance" than progress—more glitter than gold. We say this, expecting no thanks!

Again, are our schools better, now, than years ago, in the matter of good order and good discipline? Plainly not. Instead of progress, we have actually retrogressed—gone back. Our present school discipline is often inefficient; and when salutary discipline is attempted to be enforced, it finds quite too few to "do it reverence." It ought to be otherwise.

Not in all our schools, surely, but in many of them, there is a looseness of government, a want of respect for what ought to be the *presiding spirit* of the school-room, most injurious to a school, as a school, and also to the individual members of it. Already has this evil seriously impaired the usefulness of many schools. And, as we have already said, should no other than *salutary discipline* be enforced, we may, without searching the almanac, "look out for a storm!"

Then, too, many of our teachers lack experience and force of character. We would be kind with them; nor do we, in these remarks, allude exclusively to those employed the present year. The teacher's is often a thankless task, amid weariness and per-

plexity. His path is a "hard road to travel;" and, more especially is it so, among uncourteous and ungrateful pupils, and unsympathizing parents. Nor, on the other hand, would we shield the teacher from deserved censure. Often his incapacity by nature, and his lack of thorough preparation for his duties, make his presence in the school-room a palpable imposture. It has been said that, sometimes, "fools rush in where angels fear to tread." In a certain degree, this is true, too true, of the school-room. Teachers there are, who, without comprehending the dignity of their calling, or the extent and solemnity of their responsibility, too often rush thoughtlessly into an employment which, *properly* considered, requires peculiar sagacity, maturity of intellect, and is one of the noblest in the whole range of human duty and human action. This, it will be said, is an *ideal* standard. We know it. But let us keep the great idea of the teacher's mission constantly before us; approach the true standard as nearly as possible, and wait in hope for the "coming man." And, in concluding this portion of our remarks, and lest our allusion to the subject of discipline may be misconstrued, we wish to say that *our* model disciplinarian would be the man, or the woman, whose *presence* is felt in the school-room, rather than the "rod." Let *such* teachers be employed; and when they have been employed let us stand by them resolutely to the end, and in a few years we shall find our schools models of discipline and merit, and worthy of the town. They are as good as our neighbors, now.

And another remark we have to make. The teaching in our schools is not *practical* enough. It is not enough of the every-day kind. It is not, so much as it ought to be, what the scholar will want to *use*, when he leaves the school-room, either in social or business life. Too many things are learned to be forgotten. Too much "committing to memory" and parrot "recitation," and too little *thinking*. Too little common sense, and too much nonsense. Too much *book*, and too little *man*. We need, in this town, as in many other towns, a more intelligent, better "posted," practical class of teachers than some we have—teachers who are strong themselves, without a *forty-book* power to aid them. And for saying *this* we shall get no thanks—and, perhaps, deserve none!

Fellow citizens, excuse this plain talk. Our object is to direct attention to the condition of our schools. We plead for their improvement. Regretting all that is imperfect in them, we still rejoice in all that is good. We would have them still better—still more worthy of worthy old Weare!

In our report of the individual schools, we have endeavored to be as generous as possible to the teachers and their pupils. We

have judged them by a comparative standard, rather than a true one. We know how faithfully many of them, most of them, have labored. We know how willingly, under more favorable circumstances, they would have struggled to accomplish a greater good than they have. And if, in the preceeding general remarks, they detect a severer spirit than in each individual case, let them remember it is because we would arouse in all concerned a livelier zeal and sterner effort; while we would urge *them* to a still nobler dedication of heart to a noble work which, rightly performed, challenges an approving "Well Done" as its highest reward.

[For convenient reference, we report the schools in their numerical order. Those in districts No. 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 16, 23, 26, and the winter term in 5, 6 and 17 are reported by Moses A. Cartland. The remainder are reported by Wm. S. Eaton, with the exception of the Summer term in five districts, by E. H. Dearborn.]

NO. 1.

DIST. No. 1. "Putney's."—SUMMER TERM, 8 Weeks.—Ophelia Whittaker, of Deering, Teacher. Number of Scholars 21; average attendance 18; tardy 1.

We visited this school but once, early in the term, and found it appearing well and doing well. We were not informed of the close of the term, but have no doubt the end was as good as the beginning. Teacher's Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 11 Weeks.—Number of scholars 25; average 21; tardy 1. D. Peterson Woodbury, of Weare, Teacher,—whose skill and experience, with such scholars as he had, were a guaranty of a good school. So it proved. Classes appeared well at the close of the term, those in Arithmetic and Algebra particularly. Written "spelling lessons" excellent, and some specimens of composition in the scholars' "Paper" highly creditable to the young writers. Let them persevere.

This school, as we found it formerly, maintains its distinction for good order, good scholarship and prompt attendance, only *two* cases of "tardiness" being reported during the 19 weeks the school was in session, summer and winter. Such promptness deserves note, and *somebody* deserves credit. We cheerfully do our part in bestowing it. Teacher's Register imperfect. Eli Chase, Prudential Committee.

NO. 2.

DIST. No. 2.—"Cotton Mill Village."—SUMMER TERM, 8 Weeks.—Number of scholars 26; average 18; tardy 38. Mary F. Fellows, of Hopkinton, Teacher,—whose refined taste and scholarship, gentle bearing, and nice sence of moral duty we are glad to commend. But she was not the woman for *this* school. It requires more spirit and masculine energy. If, however, the school and teacher had been "like to like," her success might have been greater. Register nearly perfect, and a full record of sensible "remarks."

WINTER TERM, 9 Weeks.—Number of scholars 32; average 28; tardy 142. Albert B. Johnson, of East Weare, Teacher,—who, though a young man, and wanting experience, succeeded as well as young teach-

ers generally. His school at the close appeared to be under good discipline, and some of the scholars had made good improvement, while others had not advanced so much as we could have wished. Teacher's Register imperfect.

Since the summer term the old school house—the old “Kimball school house”—has been removed to a new location and “revolutionized,” the school room enlarged and handsomely fitted up,—in fact, a new room with new appendages. This was the first session held in it. And we were pleased to notice the care with which the desks and the premises generally had been preserved from either pencil or knife-mark. So much for “progress.” Ebenezer Peaslee, Prudential Committee.

NO. 3.

DIST. No. 3.—“Sugar Hill.”—SUMMER TERM, 8 Weeks.—Miss Medora Edmunds, Teacher. Number of scholars 11; average attendance 9. This was Miss E.'s first effort in teaching, and we are confident she succeeded as well as most beginners. Miss E. manifested a good degree of interest in her duties and appeared very anxious to have her pupils make good improvement. The review of the several classes near the close of the term, indicated that the scholars had made some progress in their studies. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 11 Weeks.—Henry Chase, of Hopkinton, Teacher. Number of scholars 11; average attendance 8. Irregularity of attendance is detrimental to the progress of any school, and the school in this district for several terms appears to have suffered very much in this respect. It is very desirable that the parents in this district, in future, take enough interest in their school to secure punctuality of attendance. This was Mr. C.'s first term, and we believe that he labored very hard for the improvement of his school. We take pleasure in saying that his labor was fully realized by those pupils who attended regularly, they having made a very decided improvement. Register imperfect. Seth W. Straw, Prudential Committee.

NO. 4.

DIST. No. 4.—“East Weare.”—SUMMER TERM, 12 Weeks.—Miss Carrie E. Paige, Teacher. Number of scholars 44; average attendance 35. We made a visit to this school near the commencement, and were highly pleased to find the teacher and scholars doing so well. At our final visit the school, for several reasons, had not generally made that degree of progress which we had hoped to see, yet some of the scholars had made commendable improvement. We think, however, if the teacher had carried out that code of discipline which was so vividly manifested at our first visit, and the parents had sent their children in better season, and more regularly, the improvement would have been quite satisfactory. Days lost by non-attendance 594—enough to school 18 scholars 6 weeks, say nothing about tardiness, which amounts to 809, some running as high as 51. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 9 1-2 Weeks.—John F. Chase, of Deering, Teacher, assisted by Sarah Jane Day, of East Weare. A new era has at last dawned upon this district. A new school house has been erected since last term, which is an honor to the district, and an ornament to the

pleasant little village of East Weare. But we very much regret to state that an unpleasant feeling exists among the parents in regard to the location and building of the new house. We hope this state of things will soon pass away, a more fraternal feeling exist, and *all* the citizens of the district become reconciled to what now cannot well be changed. Mr. Chase came here highly recommended, and well qualified to teach, and would undoubtedly have succeeded well if he had had the united support of the whole district during the term.

Some thought Mr. Chase was too severe in his mode of punishment and requirement of his scholars, while others entertained a different opinion. Some difficulty arose during the term, which was settled in the presence of your committee, who were called upon by the request of the teacher. We made another visit at the close of the term, and were glad to find that several of the scholars had made good improvement, notwithstanding several obstacles which the teachers and scholars had to contend with, which were detrimental to the progress of any school. Register perfect. George G. Day, Prudential Committee.

NO. 5.

DIST. No. 5.—“Barnard Hill.”—SUMMER TERM, 10 Weeks.—Sarah Corley, Teacher. Number of scholars 18; average attendance 17.—This school was fortunate in being placed under the care of an experienced, successful and efficient teacher. This was decidedly a good school. No school which we have had the pleasure of visiting the past summer presented a more pleasing and prosperous appearance. Miss C. labored assiduously for the good of her scholars, which had its desired effect upon them. The order and discipline of the school were good. The review of the several classes at our last visit was pleasing to us, and must have been to several of the parents and others who were present. The school house is in a wretched condition. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 8½ Weeks—Number of scholars 20; average 18; tardy 8. William S. Eaton of Weare, Teacher. This was his fourth term in this school—an indication that the parties are well satisfied with each other, as we think they have reason to be. The teacher is a good disciplinarian and a hard worker; and this kind of men the district are glad to welcome and appreciate. The pupils of this school are themselves *workers*, prompt in attendance, of orderly habits, and ambitious to learn. The closing examination was a pleasant one—showing that teacher and pupils had been unweariedly devoted to their tasks. Seldom have we seen classes in Arithmetic go through their exercises more promptly and correctly. The “Paper” read by the young ladies deserves commendation. We were glad to see pens at work as well as pencils. In many schools it is all *pencil*—well enough in its place, but frequently absorbing too much attention. The Pen is mightier than the Pencil.

We should not omit to add that many citizens of the district were at the examination, apparently enjoying it. This is a good “sign,”—a fore-runner we hope of a new school house. Why do not the sensible people on “Barnard Hill” attend to this matter? Teachers’ Register perfect. Lewis George, Prudential Committee.

NO. 6.

DIST. No. 6.—“River Road.”—SUMMER TERM, 13 Weeks. Ellen F. French of Hopkinton, Teacher. Number of scholars 16; average attendance 13. The school in this district manifested a good degree of interest and energy at our first visit. Some good was accomplished this term, most of the scholars making good proficiency. The order and discipline of the school not quite so good as we like to see. The scholars in this district enjoy the privilege of meeting in a pleasant school room. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 10 Weeks.—Number of scholars 16; average attendance 12; tardy 4. Albert B. Johnson, Teacher. This was a small school, but pleasant. Scholars made good improvement. But in schools so small pupils are not apt to feel so ambitious as in those more numerous attended. Empty seats have a chilling effect, too, upon the teacher. So pleasant a school room as this ought to be well filled. Register imperfect. Jesse Follansbee, Prudential Committee.

NO. 7.

DIST. No. 7.—“Wallace’s.”—SUMMER TERM, 6 Weeks. Number of scholars 35; average 33. Taught by Miss Mary Hazen. Miss H. is well and favorably known among us, as a faithful and efficient teacher. Combining energy and decision with kindness, she goes to work with a will, imbues her pupils with her own active spirit, and makes them work also. Though the pupils were crammed together, three in a seat, yet they were kept under good discipline, manifested commendable zeal in their studies, and made their short term one of profit. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 10 Weeks.—Number of scholars 22; average attendance 19. This school was under the watchful care of A. E. Dearborn, who labored zealously for the good of his pupils, and we are of the opinion that the efforts of the teacher were highly appreciated by the district, most of the scholars making good advancement. The school house is not in a good condition. Register imperfect. Hiram S. Hoyt, Prudential Committee.

NO. 8.

DIST. No. 8.—“South Meeting House.”—SUMMER TERM, 6 Weeks. Mary Hazen, Teacher. Number of scholars 40; average attendance 32. The school in this district was held in a hall near the old school house, which is certainly a disgrace to the district, and has been for several years. A portion of the scholars that attended school this term came from district number 7. We were gratified at the appearance of this school at our first and last visit. The order and discipline of the school were excellent. We saw no whispering and uneasiness; the classes reviewed very well, and appeared to have a good understanding of nearly all the principles involved, as far as they had been taught in their studies. Miss H. must have labored very assiduously to accomplish so much in so short a time. Register perfect.

WINTER TERM, 9 Weeks.—No. of scholars 35; average attendance 25. The pupils in this district, during the first six weeks, were under the instruction of Josiah G. Dearborn, who engaged to teach six weeks

only. The remainder of the term was under the care of J. Nichols.—We can honestly speak of Mr. Dearborn as being an able and efficient teacher, one who labors energetically to promote the interest and proficiency of his scholars. More than ordinary attention was given to reading and writing, which are too often neglected in our schools. We can truly say that this school was very fortunate in the selection of its teacher. It was decidedly gratifying to witness such order and discipline. Mr. Nichols succeeded very well in teaching the remainder of the term. The scholars made good progress while under his care.—Wanted—a new school house in District No. 8. Register imperfect. John L. Hadley, Prudential Committee.

NO. 9.

DIST. No. 9.—(“Buxton,”) South Weare.—SUMMER TERM, 12 weeks. Number of pupils, 19; average attendance, 11. Taught by Miss Elvira B. Nichols, who resides in the district. Though this was her first attempt, yet it was evidently a successful one, since she succeeded in gaining the love and respect of her pupils, and also of all the parents. The closing exercises, at which all the pupils were present, were very creditable to both teacher and scholars. Excellent order was maintained without any recourse whatever to corporal punishment. A few of the scholars in this school have acquired great proficiency in mathematics, which attracts the notice of all who visit it. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 11 weeks.—Wm. H. Eaton, of Hopkinton, teacher. Number of scholars, 17, average attendance, 16. Here Mr. E. made his first attempt at teaching. The examination of this school passed off very pleasantly. We were pleased to see a number of the parents and others present—an indication that they have some interest in their school, and that a district school is not beneath their notice. Mr. Eaton succeeded very well. Order and discipline good. School house not very good. Register imperfect. Albe Morrill, Prudential Committee.

NO. 10.

DIST. No. 10.—(“Mountain.”)—SUMMER TERM, 14 weeks.—Number of pupils, 27; average attendance, 22. Taught by Miss Ellen Kendrick. Miss K. had never taught before, and being young, and placed in a large and rather difficult school, we feared she would have a hard task with poor success; but were happily disappointed at the close to find that a good degree of improvement had been made, and good order maintained, and so far as we could learn the district was well satisfied.

WINTER TERM, 12 weeks.—F. Bartlett, teacher. Number of scholars, 29; average attendance, 23. Mr. Bartlett succeeded much better than we expected, he having been, heretofore, a scholar with them, and also being the Prudential Committee. The school appeared well at the commencement, and at our final visit. The advancement made in the several studies pursued was good, especially grammar and geography. And the declamations by a number of scholars, were commendable. Register imperfect. F. Bartlett, Prudential Committee.

NO. 11.

DIST. No. 11.—(Hodgdon's.)—WINTER TERM only, 14 weeks.—Num-

ber of scholars, 18 ; average, 13 ; tardy, 8. Eliza D. Wilson, of Deering, teacher. This was her second term in this school, and her industry and ability were manifest, as usual, although the unsightly "knowledge shop" in which she "taught her little school," and the fewness of her pupils, were not calculated to inspire remarkable zeal. But she worked heroically, nevertheless. And, without wishing any harm to "No. 11," it seems to us a teacher of her success and ability ought to secure a wider "field of labor." Register imperfect. Moses M. Balch, Prudential Committee.

NO. 12.

DIST. No. 12.—("Chivey's Hill.")—WINTER TERM only, 11 weeks.—Number of scholars, 12 ; average, 10 ; tardy, 4. Elbridge A. Bailey, of South Weare, teacher—who seems to have been "faithful over a few," and succeeded in rendering the school profitable. The scholars made good progress in their studies ; and, in good behavior stand "No. 1" in the teacher's report. The "copy-books" were the neatest, and exhibited the best specimen of improvement in penmanship, of any we have found in our schools—not a single "blot" or other blemish being visible upon any of them. We note this as indicating care and good taste both in teacher and pupil. Teacher's register, perfect. Stephen Chase, Prudential Committee.

NO. 13.

DIST. No. 13.—("Weare Centre.")—SUMMER TERM, 8 1-2 weeks.—Number of scholars, 39 ; average, 33 ; tardy, 88. Eliza L. Sawyer, of North Weare, teacher—to whose success and experience we have often testified. We have here one of the best school-rooms in town—large and commodious—and a sufficient number of pupils to impart "life" to the school, and inspire work in the teacher. Good discipline and commendable progress in study, marked the present term. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 10 weeks.—Number of scholars, 43 ; average, 40 ; tardy, 86. Albert H. Sawyer, of North Weare, teacher. For a young teacher, with little experience, and a large school, requiring great patience, industry and tact, we think he succeeded remarkably well, in teaching and training his pupils. Of course, young teachers should not be judged by the standard of the veteran. But their best effort, whatever it may be, deserves kindly regard and encouragement. Still, we believe such schools as this should be entrusted only to able and experienced teachers. Young teachers, in less trying positions, must "learn to labor and to wait." This is our opinion. Teacher's register imperfect. Daniel Johnson, Prudential Committee.

NO. 16.

DIST. No. 16.—("North Weare.")—SUMMER TERM, 8 weeks.—Number of scholars, 34 ; average, 25 ; tardy, 161. (Well done!) Eunice H. Chase, of North Weare, teacher—whose fidelity and perseverance we are happy to commend ; and the spirit of whose practical teaching and "general intelligence" we as gladly note. We wish the example were general. It is much needed in many of our schools. Children have gnawed bones, meatless bones, long enough. Give them better food and blessed sunshine ; and we shall have "a crop" of more intelligent men and women. How much needed ! Teacher's register perfect.

WINTER TERM, 15 weeks.—Number of scholars, 50; (five of whom are “foreigners” from other districts;) average, 35; tardy, 222. Eliza L. Sawyer, teacher—of whose success as teacher we have already spoken in the report of “13.” This was a large school, demanding patience and toil, and the “school-ma’am gift.” We passed a pleasant hour in it at the close—one man and several brave women of the district, also, being present. We were pleased with the good order and good discipline manifested by the pupils. Teacher’s Register, perfect.

The school-house in this district is one of the best and most commodious in the County. It is our business to speak of it as we find it—a beautiful “phoenix” from the spirit of the old “Red.” The school-room is spacious, well arranged, amply supplied with black-boards, and presents an aspect of neatness, taste and convenience, seldom found in the best school-rooms in the State. The school desks, manufactured in Ware by Chase & Drew, are beautiful specimens of workmanship; and surpass, we think, both in style and finish, and adaptation to comfort, the “Boston patent school desks.” The studious care with which they have been preserved, during the present term, from being soiled or marred, reflects much credit upon the teacher and her pupils. We hope, now, the citizens of this district will advance one step further; and, not satisfied with a splendid room and elegant appendages, will strive still more earnestly to have scholars and a school to match. So hoping, we leave them. Moses Sawyer, Prudential Committee.

NO. 17.

DIST. No. 17.—(“Oil Mill Village.”)—SUMMER TERM, 14 weeks.—Number of pupils, 27; average, 22; tardy, 173. Miss Sarah Muzzey, of Deering, teacher. The pupils in this district have enjoyed superior advantages for schooling, and have evidently improved them, as there are some fine scholars among them. We found them zealously engaged in their studies—orderly and quiet—and the teacher faithfully doing her duty. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 35; average, 28; tardy, 61. Teacher, Jennie M. Bartlett—who has had charge of this school several terms before; and, we believe, to the satisfaction of her employers. Her school, at the present term, presented the appearance of good order, industry and good feeling. The closing examination was particularly interesting. The classes in arithmetic, especially, acquitted themselves admirably. Their skill in *reading*, however, as a whole, was not, we think, equal to that in mathematics. We would recommend to all schools, that more attention be paid to this important branch of education—one of the most important, and yet too much neglected. Our “cyphering” is vastly ahead of our “reading,” generally. It ought not to be.

We were gratified to meet so many citizens of the district at the “examination.” It was a good indication of interest in the school; and the example we heartily commend. Teacher’s Register, imperfect.—Jesse Clement Jr. Prudential Committee.

NO. 18.

DIST. No. 18.—(“Raymond’s”)—Only one term, and that in the Autumn. Length of term 15 weeks. Whole number of scholars only 8; average attendance, not quite 5. The progress which the pupils made

in the branches pursued, compared very well with the average attendance, about half what it should have been. Non-attendance of some scholars is a great obstacle which very much retards the proficiency of any school subjected to irregularity of attendance; and this obstacle can generally be removed by the parents, and *not* by the teachers. Miss Leach did well under the circumstances. Register imperfect. Henry A. Carr, Prudential Committee.

NO. 21.

DIST. No. 21.—("Cilley's")—SUMMER TERM 7 weeks.—Whole number of scholars 5; average attendance 4. This school was taught by Miss Clara C. Leach, who has succeeded very well. Good order and attention seemed to prevail; therefore the improvement was satisfactory. It is evident that Miss L.'s school was too small to make *great* improvement. We think there should have been but one term, and that in the fall. It seems wrong to expend money in a summer school, where there are but five scholars to share the benefits of it. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM 12 weeks. James F. Allen, of Hopkinton, teacher.—Number of scholars 11; average attendance 9. This school was of some merit. But from the appearance of the school at our first visit, we predicted that the teacher would not be very successful. But the recitations on examination day showed that the teacher had been pretty faithful in the discharge of his duties. Register imperfect. Joseph W. Cilley, Prudential Committee.

NO. 23.

DIST. No. 23.—("Clinton Grove,")—SUMMER TERM, 12 weeks.—Number of scholars, 22; average 13; tardy 6. Lizzie C. Gove, Teacher,—who, with less experience in teaching than many others, yet succeeded in keeping a very good school, and by her patience and kindness, won the hearts of the pupils—an important element of success, and often too much overlooked by "strong-minded women," and iron hearted men. The path to a child's intellect generally lies through its heart. Alas, how many reverse this idea, and stumble on the wrong way, wondering that they "cross the grain" of their pupils, Teacher's Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 10 weeks. Number of scholars 31; average 26; tardy 57. Mark M. Hadley, of Deering, Teacher. We hope the citizens of this District will soon see the necessity of furnishing a larger and more commodious house. The school-room is much too small for the present number of scholars, and somewhat inconvenient. A pleasant school-room, well fitted up and furnished, is generally found to have a good *moral* effect upon all whose taste *can* be affected by agreeable accommodations. We hope the "solid men" of old "Twenty-three" will think of it. Teacher's Register imperfect. Wm. B. Gove, Prudential Committee.

NO. 24.

DIST. No. 24.—("Tavern.")—SUMMER TERM 10 weeks.—Number of pupils 16; average attendance 13. Taught by Miss Harriet Johnson, of Goffston. This was Miss J's first attempt, and we regret to say that it, was not so successful as we hoped it might be. There was a lack of that sympathy and love, between teachers and pupils, which is always

essential for a pleasant and agreeable school. There were but eight present at the close, who gave evidence of some improvement, and maintained good order. We listened to complaints from both teacher and parents; we are inclined to think both are in some measure to blame, inasmuch as there was an entire want of co-operation between them. After the repeated attempts, the parents of this district have finally succeeded in remodeling their school house, so that now in neatness of appearance, and convenience for a small school, it will vie with any in town. We do most sincerely hope that this event will mark the era of a new and better feeling among them; that past differences, which have been so detrimental to the interests of the school, will be forgotten, and they will cordially unite in a common effort for good schools. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 13 weeks.—George W. Dearbon, Teacher. No of scholars, 23; average attendance 19. The general appearance of this school at the commencement, was very bad. The Committee endeavored to talk plainly to the scholars, and at our final visit, appeared remarkably well, and orderly. Improvement pretty good. This was Mr. D's first attempt, and we think he succeeded as well as most beginners. Register imperfect. John C. Gould, Prudential Committee.

NO. 25.

DISTRICT No 25.—("Water Street.")—Summer Term 8 weeks.—Miss Clara Smith, Teacher. No of scholars 12; average attendance 11. This was a lucrative term. The scholars that attended were not far advanced, but made very good improvement. The order and discipline of the school were good. This was her first school. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM, 10 weeks.—Ezra C. Gove, teacher. This was Mr. Goves first school. At the commencement the school was orderly and attentive; yet we feared that the teacher would not have good success; he had heretofore been accustomed to meet his scholars as a schoolmate. The improvement was commendable, yet we were inclined to think from the inspection of the school, near the close of the term, that the teacher was a little too easy with his pupils.

The school house is in a miserable condition. Register imperfect. Elbridge C. Colby Prudential Committee.

NO. 26.

DIST. No 26.—("Friends North Road.") WINTER TERM, only 17 weeks, number of pupils, 23; average, 11; tardy 39. Sarah C. Healy of Washington, N. H., Teacher. When we visited this school we found it under good discipline; and many of the younger scholars, especially, making good progress, although she was not successful in giving satisfaction to a portion of the district. Register imperfect. Charles H. Thorndike Prudential Committee.

GENERAL REMARKS AND HINTS.

GEOGRAPHY.—The study of Geography, like charity, ought to "begin at home." We babble about "Central Asia," and know not the Geography of our own town, or county, or State. And we have found many scholars and teachers, in our various schools, who were unable to locate, by their number, more than two or three of the School Districts.

Perhaps some of the "old folks" are in the same predicament. For the benefit of all, therefore, we have given the *local name* by which most of the Districts are known. We hope this will be found convenient; and the teachers in this town may begin the study of "geography," hereafter, with a "lesson in the School Report!" Perhaps it will be found quite as useful, for *every-day* service, as much of the chatter about some not very remarkable places in Siberia, or South Africa.

"SLOW OF THE CLOCK."—By reference to the School Report, it will be seen that "tardiness" prevails wonderfully in some Districts, ranging from two to one thousand, for both terms. It may be all *natural*, however, and these terrestrial "sons" may only be imitating the old "king" in the heavens, and, like him, sometimes turn up *slow of the clock*. There is nothing like a Yankee for imitation. See how easy even our children take to it!

SCHOOL ROOM "SPECTACLES."—Teachers frequently wear spectacles—some wear one kind, and some another. But the saddest case of "poor sight" is that in which a teacher is obliged to wear "text-books" for spectacles—and can see nothing without them.

REGISTERS.—Very few Registers have been returned with the blanks all filled. We have accordingly designated them as "perfect" and "imperfect," in the report or each District. Very few teachers have given us any "Remarks." What is the reason? A teacher fails in duty, who does not leave this record of his experience. We want the teacher's *thoughts*—his method of teaching—his success—parents' interest in the school, &c.

SPELLING.—It is no business of ours how teachers "spell" when they do it "on their own hook." But when they send their School Registers to us, we wish some of them would keep a sharper lookout for their "vowels and consonants," and not let them straggle about in awkward companionship with the "foreign population" of other words—as some of them do. For instance, in several Registers we find "grammer," among the studies reported. This must either be a new study, or a new name for an old one. Again, we find the name of one of our committee written "*Dierborn*," in one Register; and "*Dearbon*" in another. It seems to us that the "old idea" ought to be taught "how to shoot" better than this! And there are several other cases which have excited our curiosity; and we are puzzled whether to rank them as "bad orthography," or simply as little "shadows" of some "coming event" in the shape of "Webster Improved." We have great faith in the old Spelling Book!

CONCLUSION.—Our Report is longer than usual. We wished to say what we have. There is more that *ought* to be said; but we leave it to our successors, hoping they will be even more faithful than we have been.

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Statistical Table.

No. of District.	Term.	Teacher's Names.	Whole No. Scholars.	Average attendance.	School in weeks.	Wages of Teacher per month.	Citizen's visits.	Times tardy.	Amount appropriated to each district by the town, 1857.	Amount appropriated to each district for the year 1858.
1	Summer.	Ophelia Whitaker.....	21	18	8		9	1	84 73	83 30
	Winter.	D. Peterson Woodbury..	25	21	11	33 00	8	1		
2	Summer.	Mary F. Fellows.....	26	18	8	16 00	3	38	86 66	109 23
	Winter.	Albert B. Johnson.....	32	28	9	23 00	20	142		
3	Summer.	Medora Edmunds.....	11	9	8	14 00	32	14	66 43	62 54
	Winter.	Henry Chase.....	11	8	11	23 00	24	48		
4	Summer.	Carrie E. Paige.....	44	35	12	18 00	62	809	149 24	134 99
	Winter.	J. F. Chase.....	57	47	9	40 00	39	151		
5	Summer.	Sarah Carley.....	18	18	10	20 00	20	11	76 40	75 42
	Winter.	Wm. S. Eaton.....	20	10	9	35 00	40	8		
6	Summer.	Ellen S. French.....	16	13	13	18 00	27	17	94 62	77 03
	Winter.	Albert B. Johnson.....	16	12	10	28 00	5	4		
7	Summer.	Mary Hazen.....	35	33	6	15 00	10	15	86 35	77 03
	Winter.	A. E. Dearborn.....	22	19	10	25 00	14	80		
8	Summer.	Mary Hazen.....	40	32	6	17 00	22	25	91 30	102 83
	Winter.	J. G. Dearborn.....	35	25	6	30 00	12	97		
		J. H. Nichols.....			3	22 00				
9	Summer.	Elvira B. Nichols.....	19	11	12	12 00	26	11	79 72	83 47
	Winter.	Wm. H. Eaton.....	17	16	11	24 00	28	11		
10	Summer.	Nellie E. Kendrick.....	27	22	13	17 00	80	22	97 93	97 96
	Winter.	Franklin Bartlett.....	29	23	12	23 00	23	71		
11	Winter.	Eliza D. Wilson.....	18	13	14	20 00	30	9	51 59	60 69
12	Winter.	E. A. Bailey.....	12	10	11	25 00	6	4	69 80	67 37
13	Summer.	Eliza L. Sawyer.....	39	33	9	20 00	10	88	112 75	123 70
	Winter.	Albert H. Sawyer.....	43	40	10	30 00	13	89		
16	Summer.	Eunice H. Chase.....	34	25	8	16 00	13	161	106 20	102 81
	Winter.	Eliza L. Sawyer.....	50	35	15	20 00	46	222		
17	Summer.	Eliza M. Muzzey.....	27	22	14	20 00	12	173	99 59	99 57
	Winter.	Jennie M. Bartlett.....	35	28	12	23 00	44	61		
18	Summer.	Clara C. Leach.....	8	5	15	17 00	13	23	51 09	59 32
21	Summer.	Clara C. Leach.....	5	4	7	14 00	7	8	59 86	64 15
	Winter.	James F. Allen.....	11	9	12	24 00	3	49		
23	Summer.	Lizzie C. Gove.....	22	18	12	16 00	23	12	104 55	107 62
	Winter.	M. M. Hadley.....	31	26	10	25 00	8	57		
24	Summer.	Harriet B. Johnson.....	16	13	10	15 00	5	156	69 80	78 64
	Winter.	Geo. W. Dearborn.....	23	18	13	24 00	16	94		
25	Summer.	Clara Smith.....	12	11	8	16 00	12	19	74 76	68 98
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26	Summer.	Sarah C. Healy.....	23	14	17	20 00	18	39	83 63	83 47

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